States grievances for unauthorised foreigners in the country

2230. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that several States have been found to be lacking in taking action against illegal immigration from Bangladesh, Pakistan etc. and/or against overstay by foreign nationals;

(b) the details of the States which are found to be failing in this regard;

(c) whether they have explained the reasons to the Union Government for remaining soft on these issues inspite of its posing danger to the nation's security;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps initiated by Government to enable these States to effectively prevent, detect and deter unauthorized presence of foreigners in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) All State Governments are taking action to detect and deport illegal foreign nationals including Bangladeshis and Pakistanis under delegated powers of the Foreigners Act, 1946, and these efforts have further been intensified.

(e) To curb illegal influx into the country, several measures have been taken by the Government which include strengthening of BSF and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipment/gadgets, raising of additional battalions of BSF; reduction of gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing, provision of surveillance equipment etc. The powers under Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals staying in India unauthorisedly have been entrusted to the State Governments and UT Administrations. Besides administrative instructions are also issued to them from time to time to launch special drives to detect foreign nationals staying illegally in the country for their immediate deportation.